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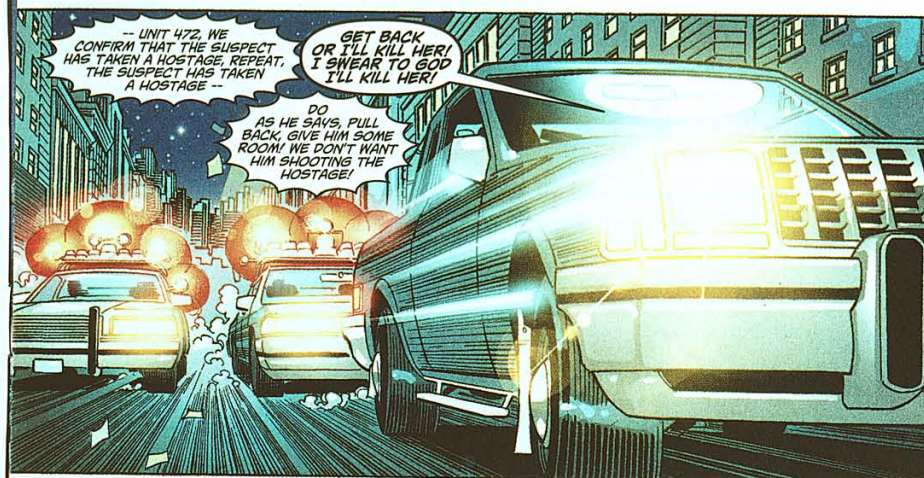


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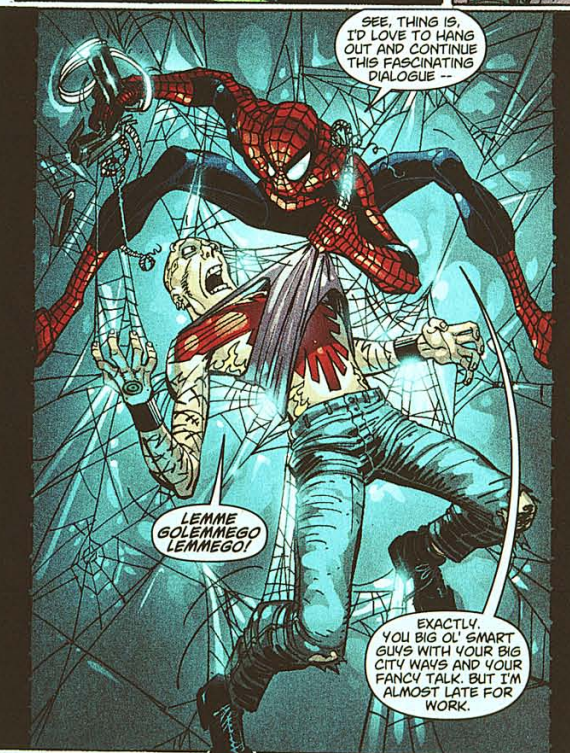
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WHAT THE #&\$% ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT?

"HUMANS ARE FUNNY CREATURES..."

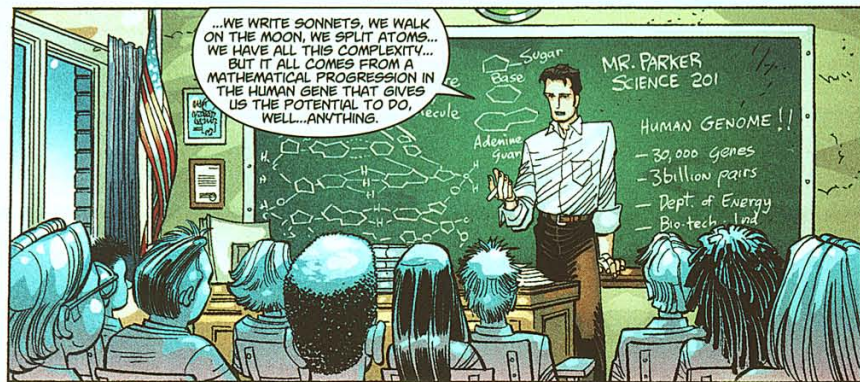
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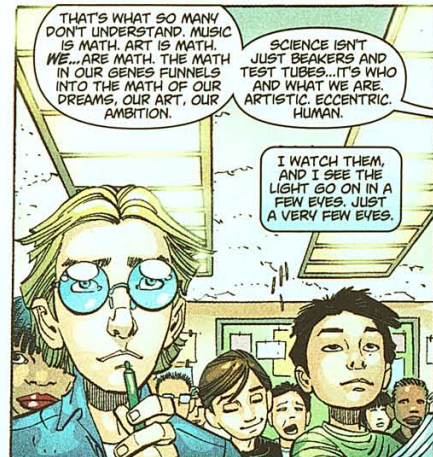


Gotta Have Sweet?

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...WE WRITE SONNETS, WE WALK ON THE MOON, WE SPLIT ATOMS... WE HAVE ALL THIS COMPLEXITY... BUT IT ALL COMES FROM A MATHEMATICAL PROGRESSION IN THE HUMAN GENE THAT GIVES US THE POTENTIAL TO DO, WELL... ANYTHING.



THAT'S WHAT SO MANY DON'T UNDERSTAND. MUSIC IS MATH. ART IS MATH. WE... ARE MATH. THE MATH IN OUR GENES FUNNELS INTO THE MATH OF OUR DREAMS, OUR ART, OUR AMBITION.

SCIENCE ISN'T JUST BEAKERS AND TEST TUBES... IT'S WHO AND WHAT WE ARE. ARTISTIC. ECCENTRIC. HUMAN.

I WATCH THEM, AND I SEE THE LIGHT GO ON IN A FEW EYES. JUST A VERY FEW EYES.



WHEN I WAS THEIR AGE, I WAS A KID. NOW, TODAY, THEY'RE THE SAME AGE... BUT THEY'RE NOT KIDS ANYMORE. SO MUCH OF THEIR INNOCENCE IS GONE. THE SENSE OF WONDER IS GONE. THEIR ROAD IS HARDER.



SO I'LL JUST WORK THAT MUCH HARDER TO GET THROUGH. I KNOW I CAN DO IT. I HAVE TO DO IT.

SOMEHOW.

-- SO THE FUNNY THING IS... AND YOU'RE GONNA LOVE THIS... IT ALL STARTED WITH SCIENTISTS MESSING AROUND WITH THE LOVE LIVES OF FRUIT FLIES...



AND READ CHAPTER TWELVE FOR TOMORROW!

WAS PRETTY COOL...

SO LAME, GIVE ME A BREAK --

THE PART ABOUT THE MATH OF ART, I NEVER THOUGHT --

YOU WANNA COME OVER, MY DAD'S AWAY, WE CAN GET LOADED --



PETER, GOOD. THERE YOU ARE.

PRINCIPAL HARRINGTON, HI. WHAT'S

CAN I SEE YOU IN MY OFFICE FOR A MOMENT?

SWELL. I'M BACK IN MY OLD HIGH SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY AND ALREADY I'M BEING SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.



HOW'S YOUR FIRST DAY GOING?

FINE... FINE... LISTEN, IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG, OR --

GOOD, GOOD. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU APPLIED FOR WORK HERE, WE HAD NO IDEA YOU HAD SUCH WELL, GENEROUS FRIENDS.



I HAVE GENEROUS FRIENDS?

I HAVE FRIENDS?

HA! VERY FUNNY. YOU KNOW, I WAS AWARE THAT YOU WERE GOOD AT WHAT YOU DO, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ACTUALLY FUNNY.

YEAH, I GET THAT A LOT.



HERE WE GO, WE CAN JUST --

YOU --!

HI, P. --

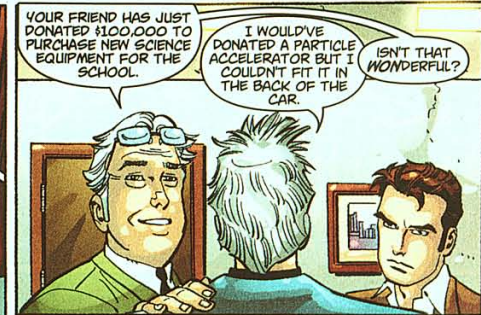


-- HOW'S IT GOING?

EZEKIEL... WHAT'RE YOU DOING --

OH, GOOD, THEN IT IS A SURPRISE.

WHAT'S A SURPRISE?



YOUR FRIEND HAS JUST DONATED \$100,000 TO PURCHASE NEW SCIENCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL.

I WOULD'VE DONATED A PARTICLE ACCELERATOR BUT I COULDN'T FIT IT IN THE BACK OF THE CAR.

ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL?



YEAH. WONDERFUL.

SO HOW ABOUT YOU AND ME STEP OUTSIDE AND TALK ABOUT JUST HOW WONDERFUL YOU ARE TO TRACK ME DOWN LIKE THIS.

LOVE TO. I KNOW JUST THE PLACE.



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NOTHING.

OF COURSE NOT, BECAUSE INDIVIDUALLY, SPIDERS ARE MORONS.

THEN WHY --

I SAID INDIVIDUALLY SPIDERS ARE MORONS, BUT COLLECTIVELY, THEY FORM ONE, SINGULAR THOUGHT.

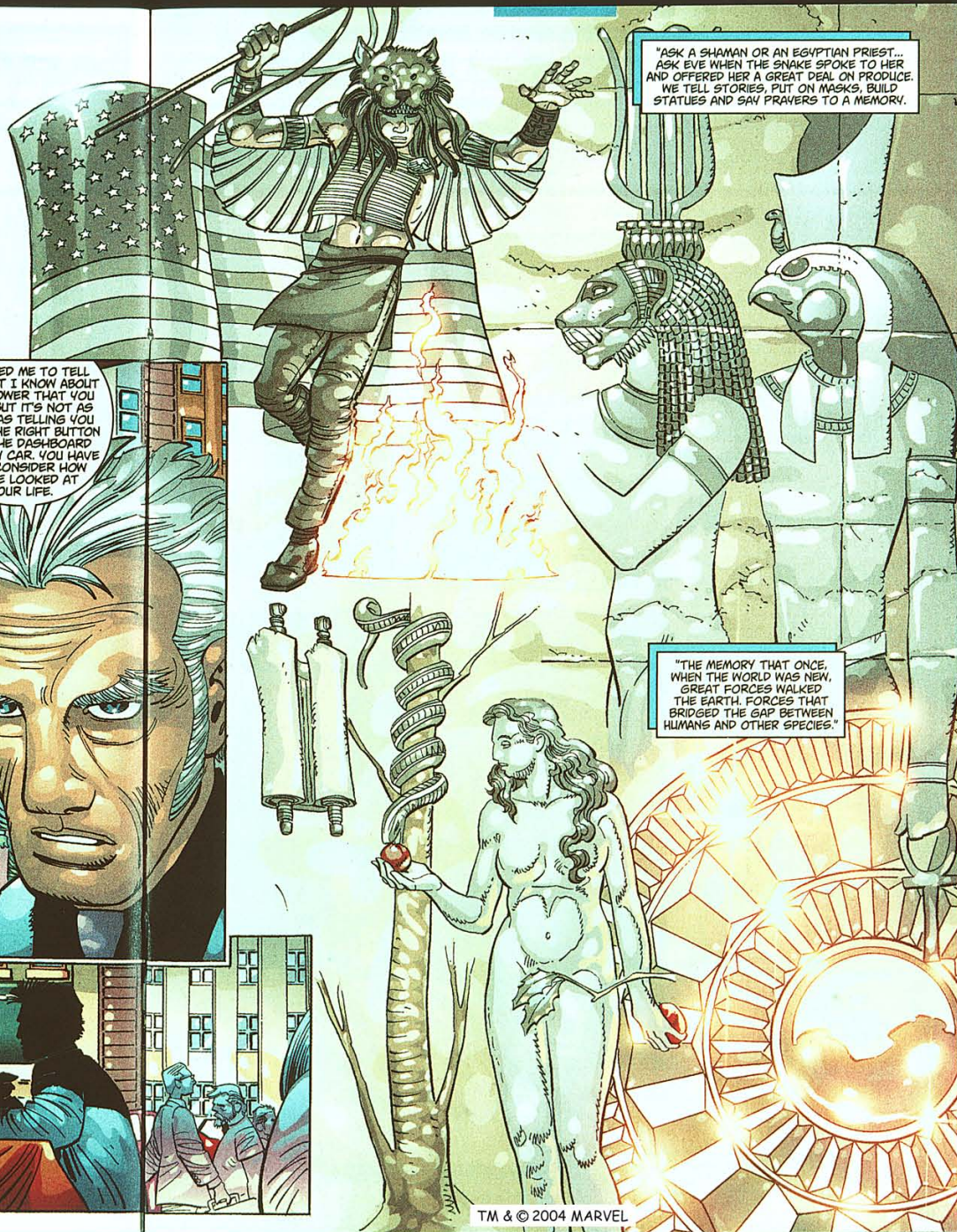
AND WHAT'S THAT?

WELL... THAT'S THE MYSTERY, ISN'T IT?

ASK A STUPID QUESTION YOU GET A STUPID ANSWER...

NO, PETER. IT'S NOT STUPID AT ALL.

YOU ASKED ME TO TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOUR POWER THAT YOU DON'T, BUT IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AS TELLING YOU WHERE THE RIGHT BUTTON IS ON THE DASHBOARD OF A NEW CAR. YOU HAVE TO RECONSIDER HOW YOU'VE LOOKED AT YOUR LIFE.



"ASK A SHAMAN OR AN EGYPTIAN PRIEST... ASK EVE WHEN THE SNAKE SPOKE TO HER AND OFFERED HER A GREAT DEAL ON PRODUCE. WE TELL STORIES, PUT ON MASKS, BUILD STATUES AND SAY PRAYERS TO A MEMORY."

"THE MEMORY THAT ONCE, WHEN THE WORLD WAS NEW, GREAT FORCES WALKED THE EARTH. FORCES THAT BRIDGED THE GAP BETWEEN HUMANS AND OTHER SPECIES."

WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN SPIDER AND MAN. BUT YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST. THERE ARE TOTEMIC POWERS THAT GO BACK TO THE DAWN OF TIME. THEIR PRESENCE REMAINS WITH US ALMOST LIKE A RACE MEMORY.

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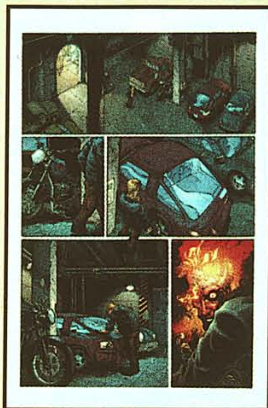
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WE DO THESE THINGS OUT OF AN ALMOST CELLULAR NEED TO RECREATE THAT TRUTH, TO GET A MOMENTARY TASTE OF TOTEMISTIC FORCE. SOME DO IT FOR RITUAL, OTHERS FOR A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

AND SOME DO IT TO PROJECT A SENSE OF POWER.

AND YOU SHOULD KNOW, PETER, YOU'VE FOUGHT MANY OF THEM.

LOOK, EZEKIEL, YOU MAY OR MAY NOT BE RIGHT ABOUT SOME OF THIS, BUT I KNOW WHO I'VE FOUGHT, AND NONE OF THEM ARE --

YOU EVER HEAR THE PHRASE "YOU KNOW A MAN BY HIS ENEMIES"? LOOK AROUND...

YOU'RE STILL NOT LISTENING.

"CAPTAIN AMERICA WOUND UP WITH GUYS LIKE BARON ZEMO AND THE RED SKULL."

"THE X-MEN GOT MAGNETO."

"THOR'S GOT LOKI..."

ONE TYPE ATTRACTS ANOTHER, SIMILAR TYPE. GODS AGAINST GODS, PATRIOTS AGAINST PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY'RE PATRIOTS, MUTANTS AGAINST MUTANTS. THE KIND OF ENEMY YOU GET TELLS SOMEONE A LOT ABOUT THE KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE.

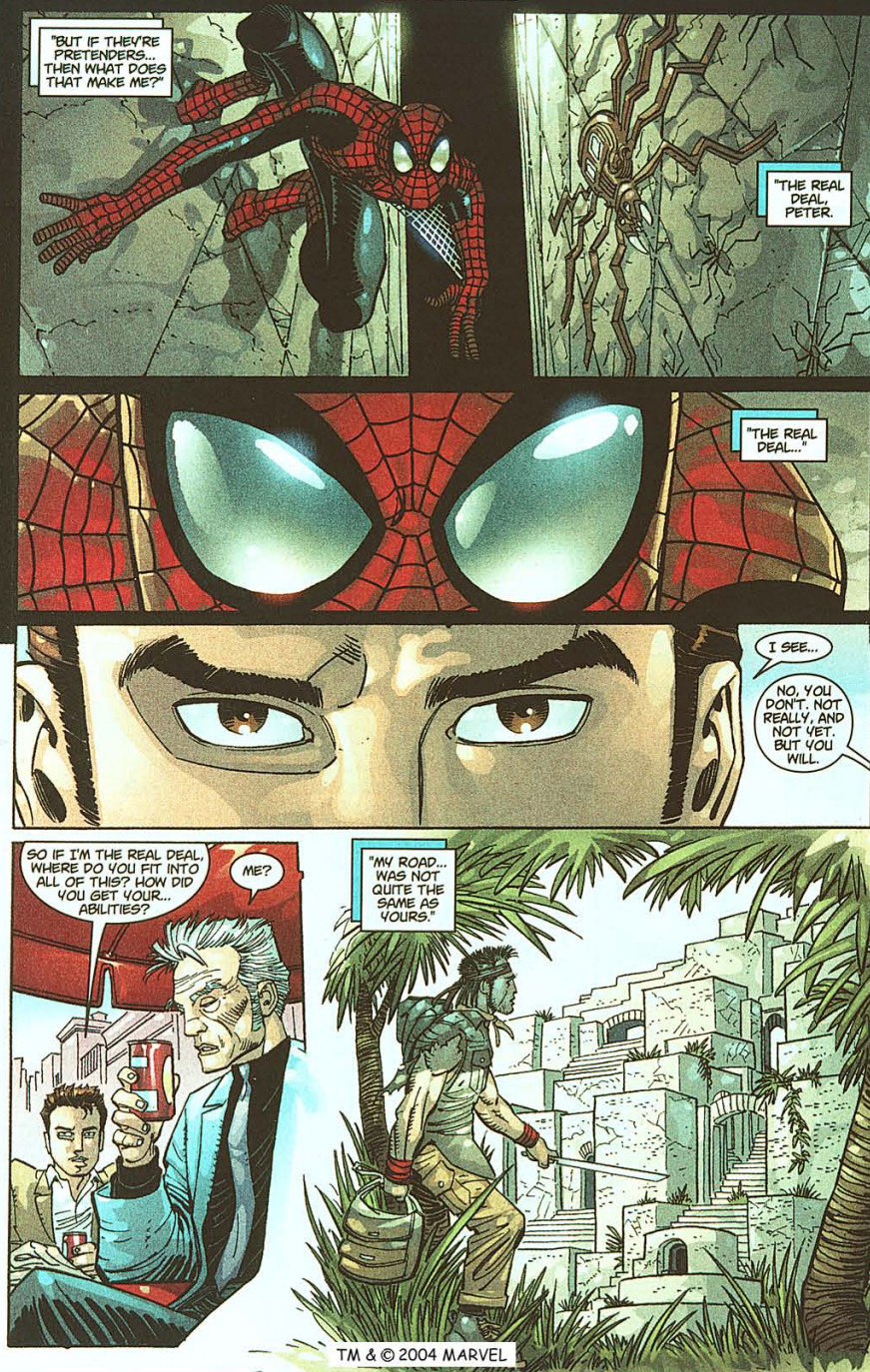
NOW CONSIDER YOUR SITUATION, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE OUT THERE, YOU HAVE BEEN BESET BY TOTEMISTIC PRETENDERS, AND THE KICKER IS... THEY PROBABLY DON'T EVEN REALIZE WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

"VULTURES AND PROCOEDS, SCORPIONS AND COBRAS, JACKALS AND CATS AND FOXES AND OCTOPI AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. LOOK AT THEM, PETER. LOOK AT THE PATTERN."

"THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY URGES AND EVENTS OUTSIDE THEIR CONTROL, BEYOND EVEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING... BUT WHICH HAVE LED THEM TO EMBRACE A TOTEM, TO TRY AND GRAFT THE POWER OF THAT IMAGE ONTO THEIR OWN SOULS, THEIR OWN BODIES."

"OVER THE YEARS YOU FOUGHT THEM, AND STROVE WITH THEM, BUT YOU NEVER SAW THEM FOR WHAT THEY ARE."

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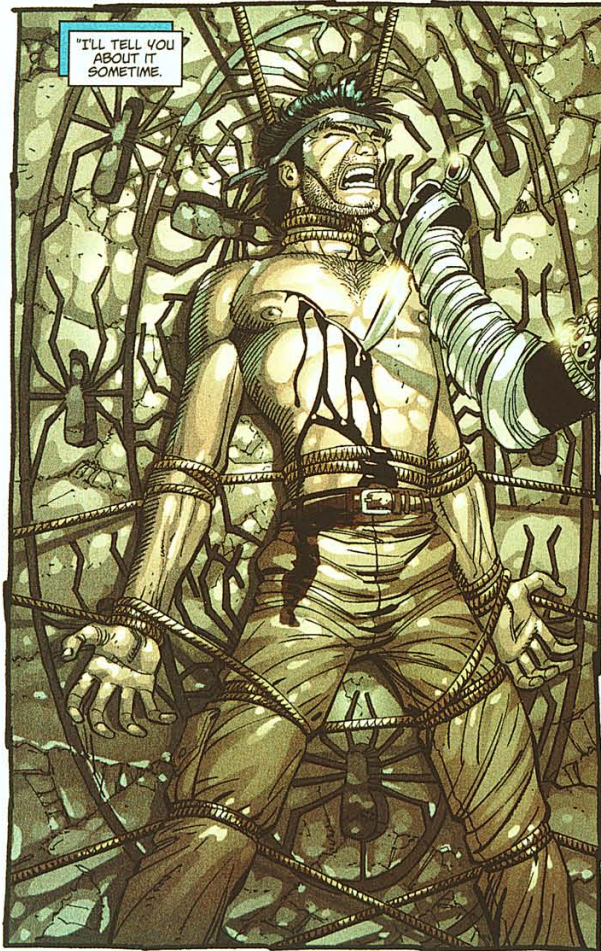


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"IT WAS NOT
AS...PURE
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"I'LL TELL YOU
ABOUT IT
SOMETIME."

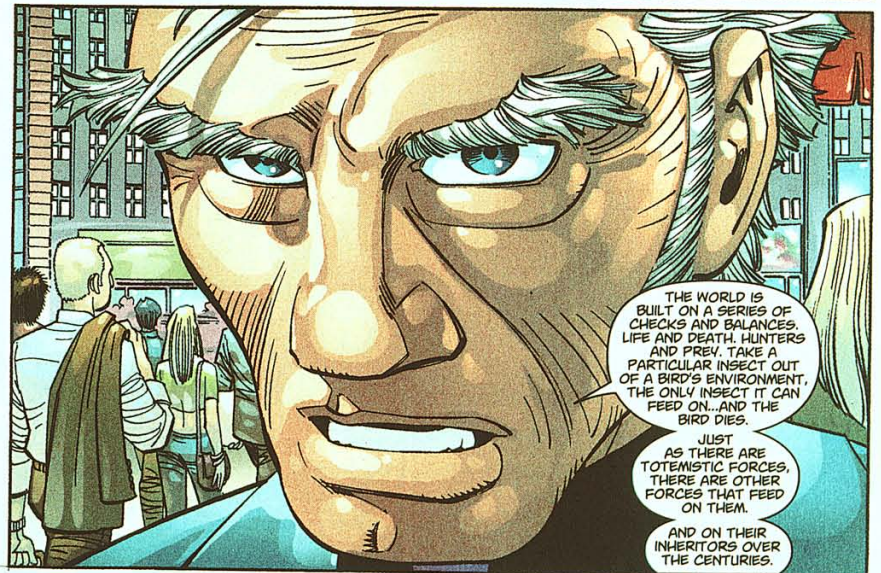


"I'M SURE YOU'LL
GET A KICK OUT
OF IT."



PRETENDERS ALWAYS HATE
THE REAL DEAL. THEY MAY
NOT EVEN RECOGNIZE THE
IMPULSE FOR WHAT IT IS,
BUT IT DRIVES THEM TO AN
ALMOST PATHOLOGICAL
HATRED TO DESTROY
THAT WHICH THEY
CAN NEVER BE.

AND IN THAT
RESPECT, AS HUNTERS
THEY ARE STILL ONLY
PRETENDERS. STILL ONLY
ECHOES OF SOMETHING
FAR DARKER...AND
INFINITELY MORE
LETHAL.



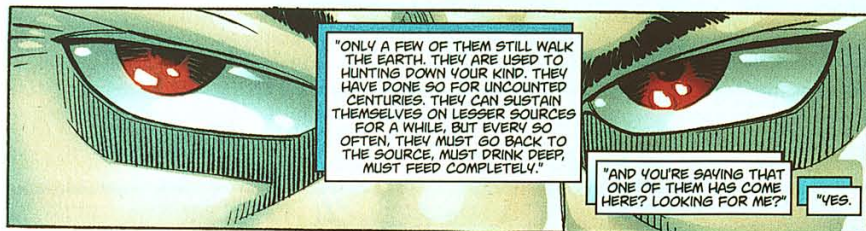
THE WORLD IS
BUILT ON A SERIES OF
CHECKS AND BALANCES.
LIFE AND DEATH. HUNTERS
AND PREY. TAKE A
PARTICULAR INSECT OUT
OF A BIRD'S ENVIRONMENT.
THE ONLY INSECT IT CAN
FEED ON...AND THE
BIRD DIES.

JUST
AS THERE ARE
TOTEMISTIC FORCES,
THERE ARE OTHER
FORCES THAT FEED
ON THEM.

AND ON THEIR
INHERITORS OVER
THE CENTURIES.



ON PEOPLE...
LIKE YOU.



"ONLY A FEW OF THEM STILL WALK THE EARTH. THEY ARE USED TO HUNTING DOWN YOUR KIND. THEY HAVE DONE SO FOR UNCOUNTED CENTURIES. THEY CAN SUSTAIN THEMSELVES ON LESSER SOURCES FOR A WHILE, BUT EVERY SO OFTEN, THEY MUST GO BACK TO THE SOURCE, MUST DRINK DEEP, MUST FEED COMPLETELY."

"AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT ONE OF THEM HAS COME HERE? LOOKING FOR ME?"

"YES."



"YOU...AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, I...CAN SENSE HIS PRESENCE ON AN ALMOST CELLULAR LEVEL. I KNOW YOU'VE FELT HIM, FELT SOMETHING WRONG."

"SO WHY HASN'T HE COME AFTER ME?"

"HMMM... I DON'T KNOW..."



"OVER THE CENTURIES, THE FEEDING HAS TAKEN ON THE AIR OF RITUAL, OF FORMALITY. AT THIS MOMENT, YOUR ADVERSARY IS PROBABLY STILL PREPARING FOR THE HUNT, USING WHATEVER UNHOLY RITUALS MAY BE APPROPRIATE."

"...DO YOU THINK THIS MAKES MY BUTT LOOK FAT?"

"NO, MORLUN."



"SO HOW DOES THIS SUN?"

"MY PEOPLE BELIEVE HIS NAME IS MORLUN."

"HOW DOES THIS MORLUN KNOW I'M THE ONE HE WANTS?"



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"PETER...YOU DRESS LIKE A SPIDER. THIS WAS NOT YOUR BEST MOVE. I MEAN, YOU PUT THE SOURCE OF YOUR POWER RIGHT THERE ON YOUR CHEST."

"OKAY --"

"WHAT IF CAPTAIN AMERICA CALLED HIMSELF SUPER-SERUM MAN, OR THE HULK WAS GAMMA-RAY MAN, OR --"

"ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, JEEZ..."

"I WAS FIFTEEN YEARS OLD, CUT ME A LITTLE SLACK, HERE."



"HERE YOU GO."

"AND HERE'S ANOTHER THING... YOU WALK INTO MY LIFE, YOU GIVE ME GRIEF ABOUT WHAT I'VE DONE WITH IT... YOU CAN DO SOME OF THE THINGS I CAN DO. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH IT?"



"YOU WANNA KNOW?"

"YEAH, I WANNA KNOW."

"OKAY, C'MON."

"GOOD."

"TAXI!"

"...EEP!"



"YOU WORK IN THIS PLACE?"

"I OWN THIS PLACE."

"HERE YOU GO, KEEP THE CHANGE."

"...EEP!"



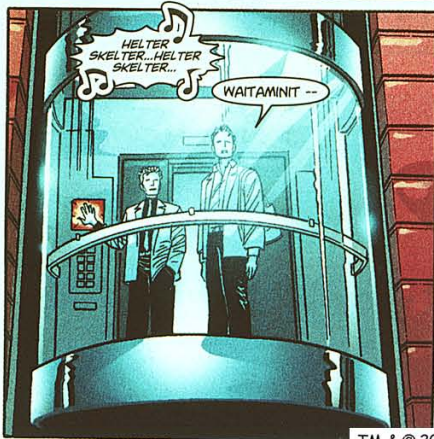
"GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. SIMS..."

"WELCOME BACK, MR. SIMS..."

"GOT YOUR ELEVATOR RIGHT HERE, MR. SIMS..."

"HOW YOU DOING, MR. SIMS..."

"AFTERNOON... THANKS. THIS WAY."



"HELTER SKELTER...HELTER SKELTER..."

"WAITAMINIT --"



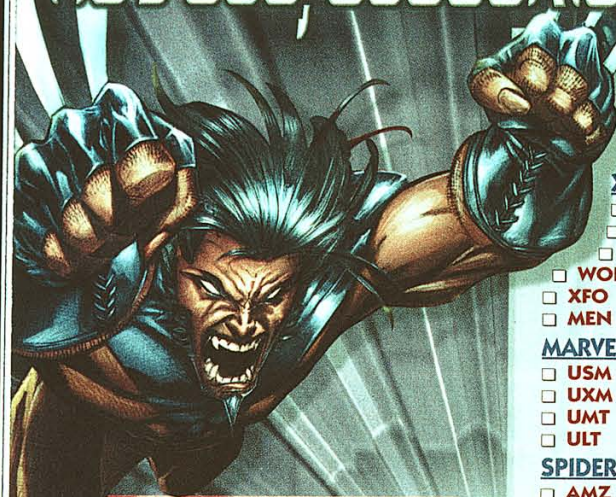
"DEE-DEE-DEE-DEE-DEE-HELTER SKELTER..."

"YOU'VE ACTUALLY GOT A MUZAK VERSION OF HELTER SKELTER?"

"I FIND IT KEEPS THE EMPLOYEES ON THEIR TOES."

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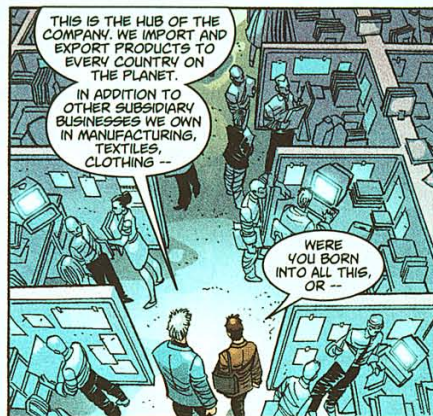


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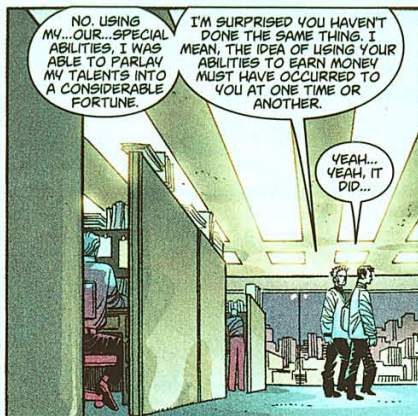
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WERE YOU BORN INTO ALL THIS, OR --



NO. USING MY...OUR...SPECIAL ABILITIES, I WAS ABLE TO PARLAY MY TALENTS INTO A CONSIDERABLE FORTUNE.

I'M SURPRISED YOU HAVEN'T DONE THE SAME THING. I MEAN, THE IDEA OF USING YOUR ABILITIES TO EARN MONEY MUST HAVE OCCURRED TO YOU AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.

YEAH... YEAH, IT DID...



"EVEN GAVE IT A SHOT ONCE."



STOP! THIEF!

NOT MY PROBLEM.

"SO WHAT HAPPENED?"



"PETER...?"



IT'S... A LONG STORY. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT I LEARNED SOMETHING. SOMETHING MY UNCLE BEN TAUGHT ME.

WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.



UMM... HMM...

AND THEN WHAT?

AND THEN WHAT, WHAT?



"WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!"

RIGHT...

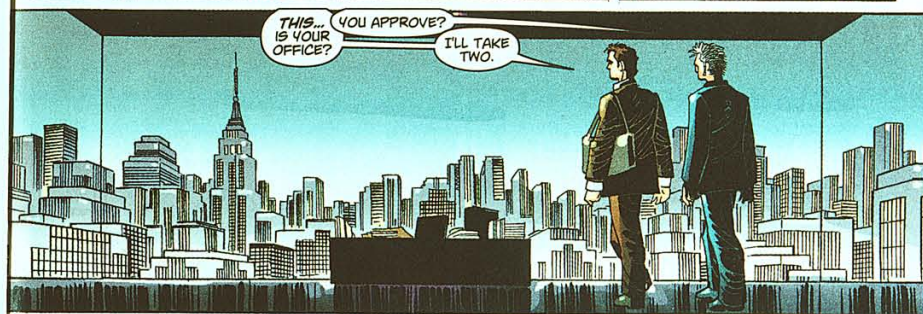
SO WHAT COMES WITH GREAT RESPONSIBILITY? WHAT'S THE OTHER HALF OF THE EQUATION? POWER? FREEDOM? GUILT?

I... I DON'T... I MEAN...



YOU ENJOY DOING THIS, DON'T YOU?

OF COURSE NOT.



THIS... IS YOUR OFFICE?

YOU APPROVE?

I'LL TAKE TWO.



UNFORTUNATELY, THE...OFFICE...I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER HAS A BIT LESS OF A VIEW.

NONE AT ALL TO BE PRECISE.

AN OFFICE?

PLEASE... STEP INSIDE.



I HAD MY BEST ENGINEERS WORKING ON THIS FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. IT'S TWO FEET OF SOLID STEEL, WRAPPED AROUND AN ADAMANTIUM CORE. IT HAS SELF-CONTAINED RECYCLING SYSTEMS FOR AIR AND WATER, A FOUR MONTH SUPPLY OF FOOD BENEATH THE FLOOR.

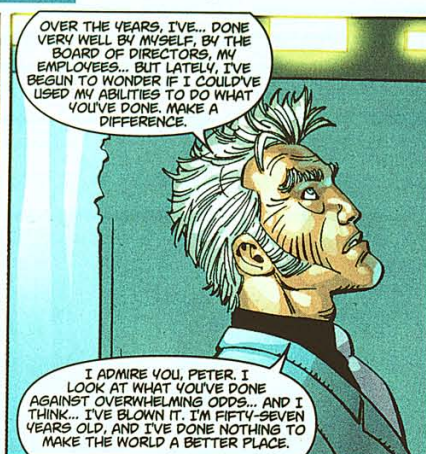
FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY, I COULD'VE BOUGHT A SMALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY.



WHAT IS IT? SOME KIND OF BOMB SHELTER?

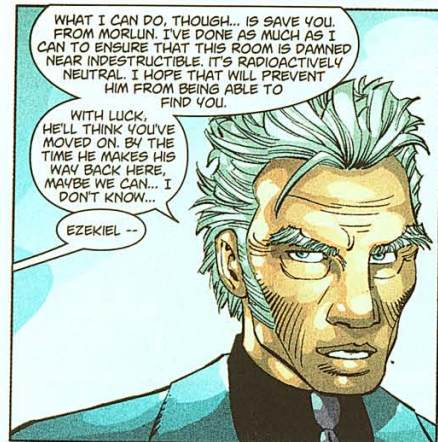
SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I BUILT IT FOR YOU EVEN BEFORE I FINALLY FOUND OUT WHO YOU WERE. WELL, WHO HE WAS. SPIDER-MAN.

I HIRED SIX OF THE BEST PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS ON THE PLANET. HAD THEM ALL WORKING ON INDIVIDUAL PIECES, THEN COLLATED THE FINAL DATA MYSELF. NO ONE ELSE IN THE COMPANY KNOWS YOUR SECRET.



OVER THE YEARS, I'VE... DONE VERY WELL BY MYSELF, BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MY EMPLOYEES... BUT LATELY, I'VE BEGUN TO WONDER IF I COULDN'T USE MY ABILITIES TO DO WHAT YOU'VE DONE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

I ADMIRE YOU, PETER. I LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS... AND I THINK... I'VE BLOWN IT. I'M FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD, AND I'VE DONE NOTHING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.



WHAT I CAN DO, THOUGH... IS SAVE YOU. FROM MORLIN. I'VE DONE AS MUCH AS I CAN TO ENSURE THAT THIS ROOM IS DAMNED NEAR INDESTRUCTIBLE. IT'S RADIOACTIVELY NEUTRAL. I HOPE THAT WILL PREVENT HIM FROM BEING ABLE TO FIND YOU.

WITH LUCK, HE'LL THINK YOU'VE MOVED ON. BY THE TIME HE MAKES HIS WAY BACK HERE, MAYBE WE CAN... I DON'T KNOW...

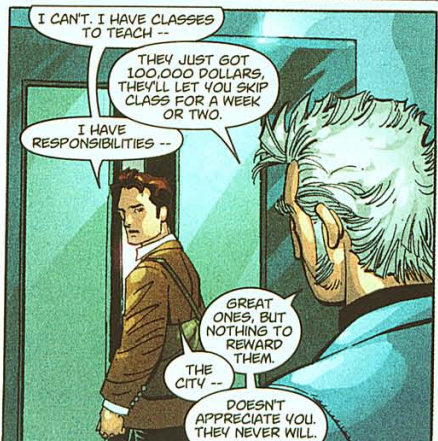
EZEKIEL --



-- I'M... WELL, I'M FLATTERED THAT YOU'D DO ALL THIS. SPEND... ALL THIS. BUT I CAN'T JUST SIT IN HERE AND HIDE --

YOU CAN'T FIGHT HIM, PETER. OTHERS HAVE TRIED. THEY'VE ALL DIED. THE PART OF YOU THAT IS SPIDER WANTS TO HIDE FROM THIS, AND THAT'S THE CORRECT RESPONSE.

IF YOU TRY TO FIGHT HIM, HE'LL KILL YOU. I CAN'T PUT IT TO YOU ANY PLAINER THAN THAT. LET ME DO AT LEAST THIS MUCH WITH MY LIFE.



I CAN'T. I HAVE CLASSES TO TEACH --

THEY JUST GOT 100,000 DOLLARS. THEY'LL LET YOU SKIP CLASS FOR A WEEK OR TWO.

I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES --

GREAT ONES, BUT NOTHING TO REWARD THEM. THE CITY --

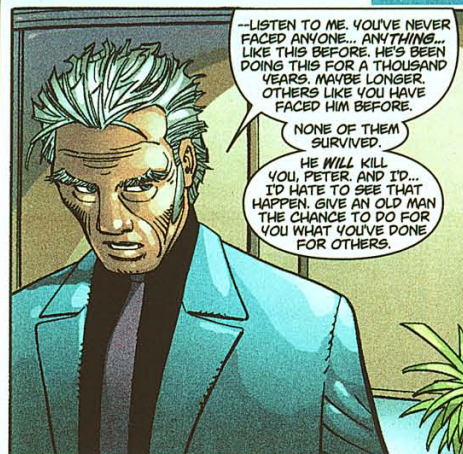
DOESN'T APPRECIATE YOU. THEY NEVER WILL.



LOOK, I APPRECIATE YOUR INTENTION, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO JUST HIDE FROM THIS GUY. WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'LL DO WHILE HE'S LOOKING FOR ME?

I'VE FACED GUYS BEFORE WHO SAID THEY WERE GOING TO KILL ME. HE ISN'T THE FIRST AND HE WON'T BE THE LAST. I'LL DEAL WITH IT.

PETER --



-- LISTEN TO ME. YOU'VE NEVER FACED ANYONE... ANYTHING... LIKE THIS BEFORE. HE'S BEEN DOING THIS FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. MAYBE LONGER. OTHERS LIKE YOU HAVE FACED HIM BEFORE.

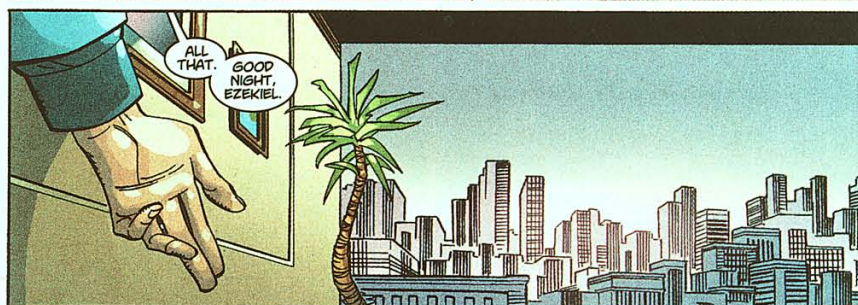
NONE OF THEM SURVIVED.

HE WILL KILL YOU, PETER. AND I'D... TO HATE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. GIVE AN OLD MAN THE CHANCE TO DO FOR YOU WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR OTHERS.



YOU KNOW WHAT COMES WITH GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, EZEKIEL?

WHAT?



ALL THAT.

GOOD NIGHT, EZEKIEL.



GOODBYE, PETER.



AS I WALK OUT OF THE BUILDING I REALIZE THAT PETER PARKER HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF A GREAT MANY KINDNESSES OVER THE YEARS.

SPIDER-MAN, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS RECEIVED VERY FEW SUCH KINDNESSES. FOR A MOMENT THERE, IT WAS VERY NICE... TO BE ACCEPTED, TO BE OFFERED SANCTUARY.



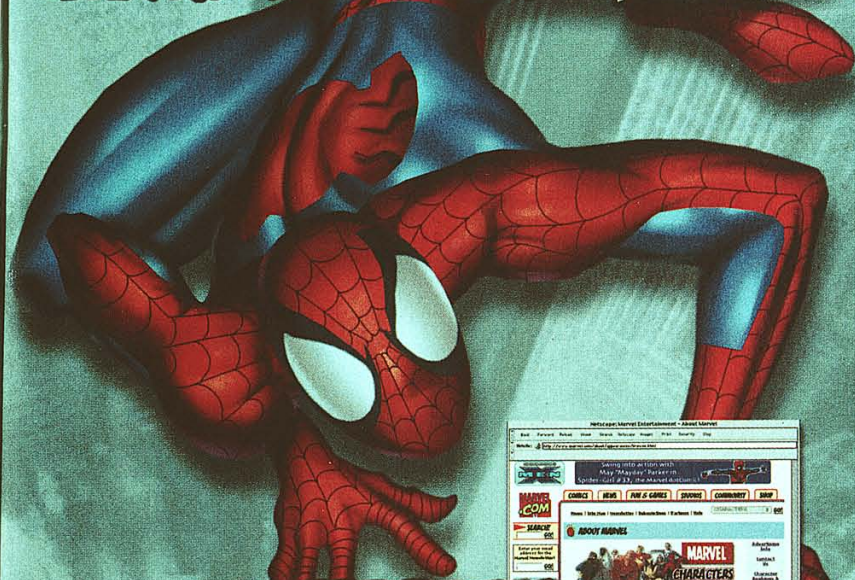
BUT MOMENTS PASS.

IT'S WHAT THEY DO.



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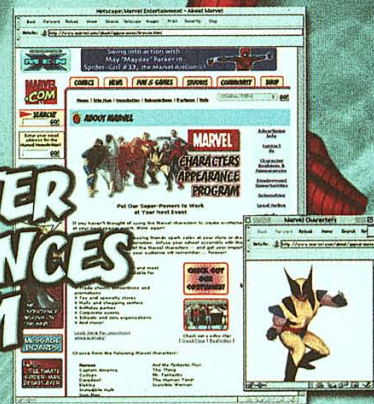
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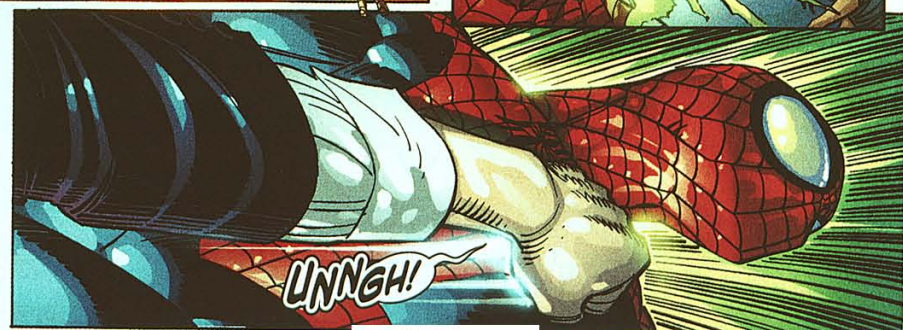
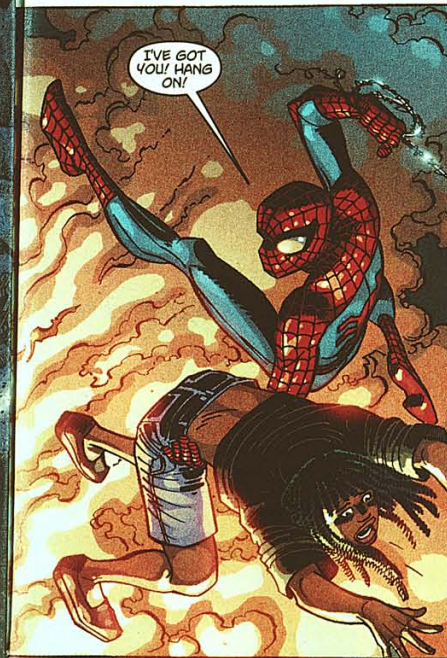
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I TASTE BLOOD AS I HIT THE CAR. NOTHING'S EVER HIT ME THAT HARD. NOT THE HULK. NOT THOR. NOBODY.

WELL, THAT WAS... THAT WAS --

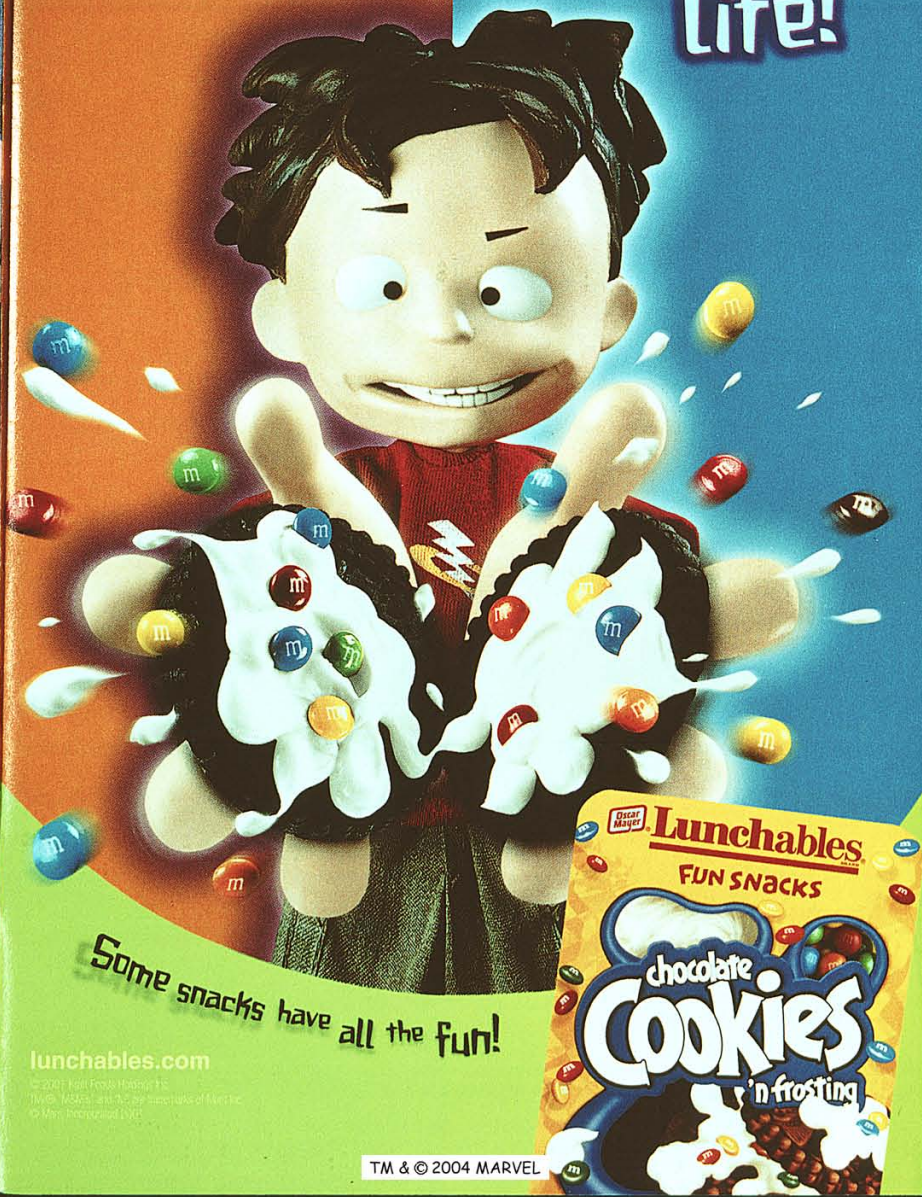
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, I DON'T HAVE A WISCRACK RIGHT AT HAND.

BECAUSE NOTHING'S FUNNY ANYMORE.

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